

When Children Walked the Earth

Chapter 1

Summary

I got a text last night lying in bed almost asleep, from my second oldest son Josh who said he woke up from a dream this morning and had been reading my book and had meant to tell me about it, "I hope you're not asleep yet, Dad."

"Really?" I asked surprised, "What did I say?"

The Book was called, "**When Children Walked the Earth**. And I don't remember what you wrote because I don't remember dreams."

I was humored at the thought that here was a book I had never read and he dreamt that he was reading it. I fell asleep smiling thinking about the unusual title.

The next morning I awakened at 5:00 and lay in bed thinking about the title, when suddenly the entire book came to me. I grabbed my phone and began madly posting on Face Book hoping I could get the outline of my glimpse of the book out before I forgot as I lay on my back in the dark.

It has since grown, but here is my first chapter.

Children are incompetent and need authoritarian parental supervision to provide for and protect them. There is no more fundamental fact of life and society than family and nobody thinks anything of this natural relationship of the dominance/provider for the subordinate/needsy.

Governments have used the parent child analogy throughout history to explain the authoritarian supervision of elite Father-leaders over child-people.

If this analogy commonly held from as far back as anyone can remember is true, it means that Civilization is the story of Children walking the earth guided by Father-rulers, and Father-priests.

Authoritarian leadership, as the world has known it, is always winter never Christmas. The children cannot grow up. If they did, they would no longer need their Father to forcibly lead them.

The child-citizen. The child-church member. The child-wife — These can never grow up because a morally and spiritually mature citizen, congregant, or wife, if they are governed by God's law from the

heart, has no need of traditional authoritarian intrusion to keep them in the Truth.¹

God's design from Genesis 1, is the opposite of authoritarian government. We were designed in the image of God to govern ourselves as male or female, both commissioned to take dominion over the world, not each other. Their mandate and created design was to be fruitful with each other not over each other and together to make the earth an inexhaustible, sustainable fruitful, wonderful place.

Mature ethics and judgment are required to stay free, and to take dominion over the earth. The failure of our first parents to secure that moral judicial foundation meant that for history to continue at all, God would authorize authoritarian governors, starting with marriage, to control and provide for a people now hopelessly ethically children needing authoritarian control.

Authoritarian government for the immature and God's ultimate design self-control for the mature are two masters, both cannot be served by humanity.

Pagans, Modernists and too many of today's Christians agree: there is no alternative to authoritarian government. They argue about how big or small, the government should be, and what should be legal and illegal, but beyond that, they agree — Government should rule us all by force and power appropriate to the government. Christians cite the Bible as ordaining the authoritarian government of kings, priests, husbands and elders granting priestly and judicial powers to whom we are to submit.

So why does so much of the Bible affirm Authoritarian government if it is not how God designed us in the beginning?

Breaking fellowship with God broke the fundamental design components of humanity, the source code, the prime directive that made the consistent self-direction of life possible. To correctly function they had:

- 1) To know the difference between Good and Evil;
- 2) To apply it in their judgment of what needs doing; and
- 3) To learn the self-discipline to do it.

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is the most enduring concrete story in human experience. It explains what maturity is and why we could not attain it as humanity apart from the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

¹ Jeremiah 31:34; Spoken predictively of the New Covenant and Hebrews 8:11 confirming Jeremiah as being the characteristic of the New Covenant.

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That first failure made Authoritarian government necessary for survival itself, our training wheels, our tutor, until He came.

All government reflected the authoritarian pattern of marriage, because of the hardness of their hearts, "He shall rule over her, yet her desire shall be for him."² Likewise, The King shall rule over the people, yet their desire shall be for Him. Hearts of stone are incapable of free self-government. They reject biblical ethics. For History to continue God's law in its various approximations must be applied to the people by authoritarian governments, but from the beginning it was not so. God has made provision to change what Jesus called, "Gentile Rule."³

Moses, Samuel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel envisioned the finished work of Jesus Christ to create a people governed from the heart by God's Law and Spirit — governed both by their design-likeness to God (what today we would call "Source Code" or "In His Image") and by God dwelling in them.

The socialist, the priest, the feminist, patriarch, and even the covenantal complementarian, the Presbyterian, and the constitutionalist cling to that hopeless, futureless model based on their assumption that someone must set and enforce policy or there will be chaos.

Thus, modern Christians confess along with the pagan and the priest, their belief that Christ has no answer to their childish condition in history except subjection to various forms of tyranny some mild some harsh. Christians today believe there is no perfect enforcer but Christ, therefore there can be no historical changing of this authoritarian model because Christ cannot change his people in a way that would seriously transform the hopelessly sinking world. Which is why Covenantal Complementarian marriages and Constitution governments are the best that the old order under the curse can accomplish. They are not to be taken lightly or dismissed with a sniff.

The Modern Christian defines his theology like the Buddha: Jesus only changes things that have nothing to do with history. The Buddha in full agreement with the Modern Christian's Jesus believes history is an illusion and provides a system of meditations and philosophical tenets that lead us to change only our inner life, our heart.

The Bible's vision, however is quite different. Jesus Christ is not the Buddha. He restores that original foundation to fulfill his plan for the world — the real one we live in and call "history" — through God's Grace, the Gospel, and the indwelling Holy Spirit who writes God's law on our

² Matthew 19:8, Genesis 3:16.

³ Mark 10:32 echoed by I Peter 5:3. Kingdom, Garden Government is Discipleship by leaders through example and sound teaching, not externally imposed punishments. If necessary, that is the Matthew 18:15-18 job of the congregation who if successfully disciplined should have no problem exercising judgment. I Corinthians 6:4; Ephesians 4, esp. v.11.

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hearts and the mature actions we take to apply and live out the Good News.

Yet pastors and theologians still run to the stony hopeless shadows to find central authorities to give their lives meaning and purpose as if Jesus the True Adult Human Person, the 2nd Adam, everything the Garden should have produced, never walked the earth.

They assure us that even hearts of flesh indwelt by God, discipled by His elders,⁴ cannot bring forth mature human beings in the image and fullness of Jesus Christ⁵ able to rule their own lives.⁶ They assure us that it will always be an authoritarian winter in History, never Christmas.

Theologian and Pagan alike forever dwell in the stony heartless shadows as if Christmas is irrelevant to history, as if only external force can make any sort of provision and protection possible. They are offended when their father, Obama said "You didn't make that!" But then to keep their charges in slavery they build on their Father Obama's statement and declare, "You could NEVER have made that in history, and God never will accomplish anything in History."

Theologians assure us that if God did live a fully Human life it was not to show that hearts directed by God's law are possible.

They assure us that if Christ did die and return from the dead it was not to transform our stone hearts to flesh in any way that might affect anything more than our personal internal balance thus affirming Buddha as the 13th apostle.

Theologians assure us that even if God **did** write his source code, His Law, on these living hearts — like Ezekiel, and Jeremiah said He **would** when he comes, and Hebrews said He **did** when he came — our pastors assure us that it would not change our need for authoritarian Controller-husbands in Marriage, Controller-priests in Church and Controller-governors and their police in the State.

These Theologians and pastors alike assure us that Moses prayed to God in vain when he pled — "Would that all God's people were prophets! Would that He put His Spirit on all of them."

But they are wrong. Law was never intended to be primarily an external motivator applied by force. It was given by God, even from Sinai, to each individual heart personally, "*I AM the Lord YOUR God... therefore YOU (2nd person singular) shall...*", even though their hearts were as incapable of transformation as the stone tablets God wrote his law on. In writing on those stones with Moses, God looked ahead to when He would change those stones to living hearts, starting with the incarnation itself.

⁴ Ephesians 4.

⁵ Ephesians 1.

⁶ I Timothy 1:7; Hebrews 10:16.

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But in the meantime, to protect and preserve them, he turned them over to kings like the nations Kings whose rule would define the gentile nations making them possible, until the time of His appearing was fulfilled.

God's law is what the Holy Spirit dwelling in you uses to direct your Garden-designed purpose — that internal guide to free, self-controlled, self-governed provision, for yourself and for the weak among you until they could mature to self-protecting, self-providing adults themselves.

This is not Utopia, it is what the central doctrines of the Christian religion are all about. Or it is a hoax, just like Marx said it was nothing but an internal crutch for Buddhists, so much opium to dull the people.

The reason you have never seen it put this way or done this way is because the leaders and followers alike in the Church simply do not believe that what Jesus commands is possible.⁷

Jesus said, "Do not rule like the gentiles who seek out the greatest to rule, instead rule like the Son of Man who is a servant/slave."

God's work to transform His people doesn't eliminate government, it makes it possible for them to govern without being authoritarian.

In Jesus' vision of leadership and government, service based on Truth is what validates the authority of a leader. It is obedient service that exemplifies one who knows what is right, speaks it in sound judgment and leads in doing it.⁸ Such a person, like Jesus, disciplines nations. Such a person relies on God to act, God to confirm his word, God to confirm his actions God to confirm his leadership, like Jesus did. There is no record of Jesus sending the disciples around to enforce His word, bring back the rich young ruler, form an organization to handle future accreditation of leadership or rain fire on the sinner. It was God or nothing. He was a servant exercising no power like a master could to enforce his policies. Only God would support his administrative word, no other power or organization. He is the manifestation of True John 1:1-8 Theology.

It's His Incarnation — The Law-word that God wrote on a stone tablet becomes flesh and dwells among us. Jesus demonstrates the possibility of the transformed life of Word made Flesh.

⁷ Mark 9:31-37; Matthew 18:4; Mark 10:32; Matthew 20:23-38; Luke 22:22-27; Matthew 20:25-28; In each of these passages Jesus has just announced his death, and his disciples are not seeking prestige, but rather the one who would lead after Jesus died, or be the chief administrator in His kingdom if he lived. These are Biblical Government structure passages, not Buddhist personal growth and pride vs humility passages.

⁸ I Peter 5:3.

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It's His atoning Cross — That defines service, taking on himself everything about you that is wrong and deserving failure and punishment. In the Cross he gives you a new birth, He makes you a New Creature, He transforms your heart from stone to flesh to be after His Image, His brethren, His family.

It's His abiding presence, Pentecost — The day God shattered history in an act as remarkable as His becoming fully human. He takes up residence in His people, without absorbing their personal identity into His. He's not a Buddhist. He is a person who writes His law on your now truly image bearing human heart so that you can become an adult in His world.

These are the doctrines of God's reignition of the Godly Dominion stillborn in the Garden at the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. His people are adults who transform the earth into a truly imaginative and yet purposeful, wonderful place — world that is going somewhere, not static, not winding down and wearing away frail, frayed, old and flammable. Again, Jesus is not a Premillennial Buddhist.

No longer will Old Covenant Children Walk the Earth, they will instead grow up into New Covenant men and women governed by God's law from their heart.

The Scripture is so radical that it is worth asking —

"What happens to the ways we organize ourselves when we organize as adults, not as children needing a firm external hand to keep us in line?"

"What do the organizations we think of as Marriage and Church and State look like when they are populated by ethically, judicially and spiritually mature adults?"

"What would churches be like if the elders instead of running them themselves, discipled God's people to run them, God's people to do everything that was once thought too holy to technical too special to be entrusted to mere Christians, things fit only for the elite?"⁹

⁹ I Corinthians 2:6; 6:4; Ephesians 1 & 4:11; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-9; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 5:12; 8:11. Administrating the Church by controlling it organizationally and institutionally is not found in the New Testament as a task to which an elite set of elders is set apart. Discipleship with God backing up the word of those in leadership is.